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Respectfully submitted,

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Examiner Initial*	Document Number	Issue Date	Name	Class	Sub Class	Filing Date If Appropriate
	5,525,246	06/11/96	Kamiya et al.			
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	European Search Report dated March 19, 2004

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